

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 2 and 6 are directed to allowable subject matter. The subject matter of each of claims 2 and 6 has been integrated in its entirety into respective base claims 1 and 5, and claims 2 and 6 have been canceled. Amended claims 1 and 5 have been drafted to avoid the issue underlying the indefiniteness rejections applied to claims 2 and 6 and to place all elements in non-means-plus function format. Claims 5, 7, and 8 have been amended as requested in the Office Action to overcome the 35 USC 101 rejections applied thereto.

Thus, it is submitted that the above amendments obviate the applied 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejections.

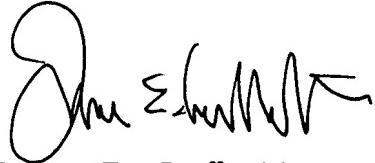
Allowance of claims 1 and 5 and all claims dependent therefrom is deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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